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American Intellectual Property Law Association
Serving the Creative and Legal Communities

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About AIPLA

Founded in 1897, AIPLA is a national bar association of approximately 7,000 members engaged in private or corporate practice, in government service, and in the academic community. AIPLA members represent a wide and diverse spectrum of individuals, corporations, and institutions involved directly or indirectly in the practice of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition law, as well as other fields of law affecting intellectual property. Our members represent both owners and users of intellectual property. Our mission includes helping establish and maintain fair and effective laws and policies that stimulate and reward invention while balancing the public's interest in healthy competition, reasonable costs, and basic fairness.

Mission

AIPLA fosters innovation, creativity, and fair competition by empowering IP professionals within an effective and balanced intellectual property system through education, advocacy, and the mutual support of a diverse community of peers.

Core Values

Pursuit of Excellence: A dedication to the improvement of the intellectual property system by being a thought leader for intellectual property, providing advanced professional development, and serving as a strong collective voice to champion innovation and creativity.

Commitment: An enduring belief in the essential importance of an intellectual property system that promotes innovation and creativity through our community of engaged IP professionals.

Advocacy: AIPLA will provide crucial leadership and unbiased analysis leading the way for world-class policy and decision-making, while attracting membership, ideas, and resources as a highly sought after and respected leader in IP.

Collaboration: A strong, diverse, and supportive community of IP professionals working together as a collective champion for innovative and creative solutions to issues facing the IP system and its stakeholders.

Strategic Goals

Foundational: Activities designed to support stewardship of member resources and their application to the Mission, mission-based goals, and the supporting organizational structure and staff of AIPLA.

Advocacy: Activities designed to improve the legal/regulatory climate within which IP is practiced, including but not limited to, awareness, understanding and acceptance of consistent IP laws and regulations within and across relevant jurisdictions.

Membership/Community: Activities designed to improve membership acquisition and retention and to improve participants' engagement with AIPLA.

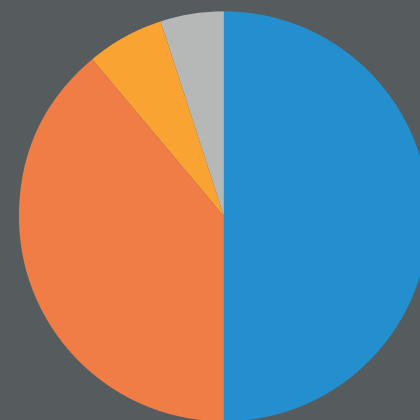
Education: Activities designed to identify and build the IP, legal or practice, competencies of a target audience.

View the Strategic Plan in full here:

<https://www.aipla.org/about/strategic-plan>

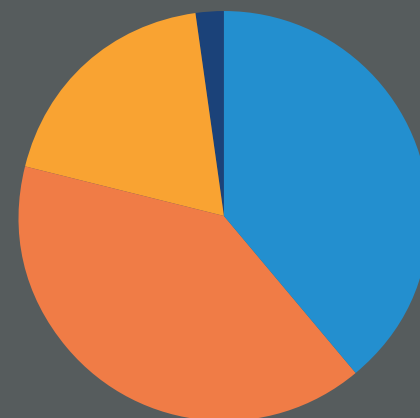
Total Revenue: \$5,174,828.00

Meetings & Events:	50%
Membership Dues:	39%
Advertising & Royalties:	6%
Interest, Publications, and Other Income	5%



Total Expense: \$4,892,925.00

Membership Services:	39%
Meetings & Events:	40%
General & Administrative:	19%
Publications:	2%



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arlin M. Mueiting, AIPLA President, 2023-2024



A Year in Review By the Numbers: 2/3/10/15/25

As another year passes, being AIPLA President has been the ride of a lifetime filled with incredible adventures.

First, from the President's desk, I want to thank our incredible Board, committee leaders, members, and our mind-blowing staff. I could not have managed, let alone succeeded, without these wonderful people guiding me, wrangling the issues, and making it all worthwhile.

Overall score – a personal success for me and a stunning year for AIPLA – (dare I say it?) – the strongest, most respected voice in Intellectual Property around the globe. (Okay, I'm biased. We are one of many, but I still think the best.)

It has been an honor to have taken my turn as caretaker of the President's chair; to be associated for over 30 years with some of the finest, smartest, and most dedicated professionals whom I am privileged to call not only colleagues, but friends; and an honor to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor, Brian Batzli. During the second year of the current Strategic Plan, we have continued to focus on FAME (Foundational, Advocacy, Membership, and Education). It is through this lens that I would like to share some of the successes of the organization, its members, and staff.

What does **2/3/10/15/25** mean?

On the **Advocacy** front, since I have become President, we have filed **2** briefs with the Federal Circuit (*Google LLC v. Sonos, Inc. and REGENXBIO Inc. v. Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.*) and **3** briefs with the Supreme Court (*Warner Chappell Music, Inc., et al. v. Sherman Nealy, et al., Collect, LLC v. Vidal, and Dewberry Group, Inc. v. Dewberry Engineers, Inc.*), we have visited over **15** countries to advance AIPLA's mission, and we have submitted over **25** comment letters to, e.g., the USPTO, the FTC, the WHO, WIPO, and the Copyright Office.

Our talented AIPLA volunteer members who serve on committees have spent countless hours promoting the interests of the IP community and contributing to the many AIPLA accomplishments. It is impossible to name all of the activities of every committee, but I want to draw your attention to some of our activities over the past year.

Consider that among other things, we have advocated on DOCX submission requirements, Patent Center and the retirement of EFS-Web and Private PAIR, Copyright Law and policy issues raised by artificial intelligence (AI) systems, the joint ITA-NIST-USPTO collaboration initiative regarding Standards, the Promoting and Respecting Economically Vital American Innovation Leadership Act (PREVAIL), the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act (PERA), genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, Right to Repair, March-In Rights, the WHO Pandemic Agreement, group registration of two-dimensional artwork, inventorship for AI-Assisted Inventions, innovation to the marketplace, trademark fees, patent fees, examining Means-Plus-Function and Step-Plus-Function claim limitations, the Design Law Treaty, terminal disclaimer practice, the impact of the proliferation of AI on prior art, the experimental use exception, and various Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) issues including expanding opportunities to appear before the PTAB, Director review of PTAB decisions, and PTAB rules for briefing discretionary denial issues. (That adds another 20+ deliverables to the AIPLA numbers, but I am sure I left out a few things because, frankly, our volunteer members do so much work that it's hard to keep track!)

We are making efforts to foster communication with the Copyright Office and the USPTO (through, for example, the Copyright Law Committee, the Patent-Relations with the USPTO Committee, and Trademark-Relations with the USPTO Committee). Our ongoing efforts have involved AIPLA patent practitioner members engaging with USPTO Under Secretary and Director Kathi Vidal, Patent Commissioner Vaishali Udupa, Register of Copyrights Shira Perlmutter, and several senior USPTO staff. This dialogue has allowed AIPLA to be more effective in partnering to identify and resolve issues and create opportunity to be more proactive with government decision makers.

On the **Membership** front, with the help of the Diversity in IP Law Committee, we held a Colloquium on "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) in the Intellectual Property Environment." Along with our cosponsors ASIPI (Inter-American Intellectual Property Association), IPIC (Intellectual Property Institute of Canada), and Invent Together, we considered issues of equality in the IP ecosystem. We focused on three perspectives . . . those that are government IP-related, IP Professionals-related, and inventors-related. The guidepost for our discussions was the phrase: *Diversity is a Fact; Inclusion is a Choice*. The Colloquium speakers included DEIA professionals from around the world, including DEIA experts representing national and international intellectual property offices, associations, and law firms, as well as law school professors and leading independent opinion leaders. Speakers shared personal, firsthand experiences in an open-minded environment.

We have expanded opportunities to reach out to students, through the AIPLA's Law School Link program, which provides students at participating law schools access to valuable added AIPLA benefits. Importantly, AIPLA membership is now free of charge for students! Our newly emerging membership base can also take advantage of special discounts and pricing on events and webinars and access to member-only material; and participation in over 60 AIPLA committees. The Membership Committee has been empowering current members to reach out to new practitioners, particularly those who have recently passed the USPTO patent bar, to let them know about the programs and activities of AIPLA.

We continue to have a strong Mentoring Committee and Women in IP Law Committee who reach out to our members in various ways, including through mentor/mentee pairings, mentoring clusters, and networking and outreach events. This past year, the USPTO and AIPLA partnered to provide mentorship to AIPLA members and participants of the USPTO's Empowering Women's Entrepreneurship -- a community-focused, collaborative, and creative initiative to encourage and empower more women founders across America. The program included three webinars and one concluding networking event focusing on Intellectual Property law topics, advice from AIPLA's women entrepreneurs, and the opportunity to participate in a mentoring group of women with varying skills and experiences. Recordings of these sessions can be found at <https://www.aipla.org/resources/aipla-uspto-women-entrepreneur-mentoring-program>.

The Patent Agents Committee has also been extremely active in creating and providing educational resources and professional development opportunities to Patent Agent members and the broader AIPLA community. The members of the Committee focus on developing a better understanding of the role played by Patent Agents in all aspects of acquiring and managing a patent portfolio, and advocating for Patent Agent

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member’s interests within, and valuable contributions to, the intellectual property community.

On the **Education** front, AIPLA continues to provide second-to-none educational opportunities for all IP practitioners. All our committees participate in programing opportunities from the Annual and Spring Meetings to the Road Shows on-line CLE programs to the Corporate Committee’s brown-bag lunches and the Patent Agents Committee luncheon programs; from the Trade Secret Law Summit to the Women in IP Committee’s breakfast and global networking event – the list goes on and on.

AIPLA’s International Committees work to establish and maintain relations with IP-related professional societies in regions and countries around the world. Committee members study international IP laws and practices, report on issues of interest to AIPLA’s Board of Directors and membership and provide comment letters to various agencies in foreign jurisdictions. Of note, committee members organize trips to various regions of the world, which provide great educational and relationship-building experiences. These trips are incredible and open to any interested members.

And last, but not least, on the **Foundational** front, AIPLA members and staff work diligently at analysis of AIPLA programs, services, and initiatives, identifying areas for expansion, contraction, or modification based on their success and the available or anticipated resources. The Board-level Foundational Committee is in the process of analyzing the committee structure and mission-critical activities to make participation more relevant and accessible to members, and to ensure that the committees support the organization’s mission-based goals.

Back to the Numbers – What does “10” in **2/3/10/15/25** mean?

We could not have accomplished so much this year without a strong foundation, which was created by strong leaders. This year Kim Van Voorhis takes up the gavel as our 10th female President – **10** female Presidents over the past 26 years. Starting in 1998, with Meg Boulware as our first female President, AIPLA has accomplished something few bar associations have accomplished – **10** females at the top-most volunteer position. While I do not want to diminish the accomplishments of all the Past Presidents, I want to shed a light on the fact that AIPLA was implementing actions to create diverse leadership long ago. This is evidenced by the number **10**.

Meg Boulware – 1998-1999

Andrea Ryan – 2000-2001

Judy Saffer – 2006-2007

Teresa Stanek Rea – 2008-2009

Sharon Israel – 2014-2015

Denise DeFranco - 2015-2016

Myra McCormack – 2017-2018

Barbara Fiacco – 2019-2020

Ann Mueting – 2023-2024

Kim Van Voorhis – 2024-2025

In closing, I am in awe of these women, and all AIPLA volunteers and staff who demonstrate significant strength of purpose, focus, and dedication. You are my inspiration. To repeat -- this was not just a successful year for me, but it was a successful year for us – AIPLA as a whole – one of the strongest, and most respected, voices in Intellectual Property around the globe.

Thank you,

Your President (at least for a few more days)

Ann Mueting

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Member Services

The Association's priority is first to always serve its member. AIPLA does this by offering a variety of professional resources, networking opportunities, unparalleled CLE, industry news, legislative and policy advocacy, and opportunities that foster both personal and professional growth. We continue to stand for the ongoing development of professionals in the field and the advancement of intellectual property law.

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

No matter what your personal and professional goals are, your AIPLA membership supplies the tools and resources you need to thrive and a Member Services team that is dedicated to helping you access them. From IP focused education, to career development content, mentoring programs, and leadership opportunities, AIPLA has you covered. Plus, we have a robust online Career Center that helps you connect with top talent or land your dream job. Check out three IP-related jobs in each edition of Notes + News.

INVOLVEMENT

AIPLA's vibrant community of IP practitioners provides invaluable opportunities to bring people together and make connections. There are numerous ways to get involved and network, including through both in-person and virtual events, mentoring activities, and committee programs. In fact, we believe that joining committees of interest is the easiest way to get involved - and make the most of your membership. Committees provide access to additional member benefits, focused programs, leadership opportunities, and ways to build your professional network, reach potential clients, and make new friends through smaller groups with common interests. For more information about getting involved with AIPLA Committees, please visit our [website](#).

RESOURCES

AIPLA catalogues and maintains a robust archive of electronic resources that members have full access to on-demand. Our Library of Session Materials is a comprehensive resource that includes papers, transcripts, and presentations on a vast array of substantive topics. We also maintain both a List of Arbitrators and Mediators, and a library of sample IP licensing agreements that members may reference as needed. AIPLA also produces several additional publications, including Model Patent Jury Instructions and Model Patent Rules, and issues timely press releases on topical matters.

Visit our [Member Center](#) to learn more about all the resources available to AIPLA members.

SOCIAL MEDIA

AIPLA maintains a robust social media presence across LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter). Follow our accounts for regular updates on our programming, advocacy efforts, AIPLA initiatives, member achievements, and industry news. In 2024, we began monthly member spotlights, highlighting members who are active in various parts of the Association and have contributed to AIPLA's advocacy efforts. Follow us on social media for your weekly dose of #MTM. We continue to have one of the largest social media presence of any IP association and are continually growing our digital footprint to reach our members. Be sure to follow us on X at [@aipla](#), [@aipladc](#) on Instagram, and find us on Facebook and LinkedIn. Reshare our content to help promote our efforts.

DESIGN DAY

We were proud to partner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) for a full day of lively and thought-provoking discussion about various aspects of design patents. The program drew over 300 design patent practitioners and USPTO professionals.

IP MARKETPLACE

AIPLA's IP Marketplace is a web-based solution providers directory of IP products and services. The IP Marketplace now also features a calendar of all IP-related events globally. With just a few clicks, AIPLA members and other IP practitioners around the world can easily locate the latest and most innovative IP products and services to meet their business needs. For more information about how to reserve your IP Marketplace listing, please contact **Lisa Beller** at 703-981-8440 or lbeller@aipla.org.

Did You Know!

AIPLA members can:

- Acquire professional liability and cyber liability insurance at discounted rates.
- Access a vast library of CLE presentations and materials at little or no charge.



Online Programs

CLE WEBINARS

CLE accredited webinars were held every month to allow for enrichment and continuing education for all subdisciplines of practitioners, totaling **1065 minutes of CLE credit**.

To view upcoming live webinars, please visit www.aipla.org/webinars.

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP WEBINARS

Beginning in May of 2023, we began holding a webinar every other month to train committee leaders on best practices, provide updates, and provide a forum to answer questions. Topics included best practices for social media use, engaging new committee members, how to approach the Board with a resolution, and more.

ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY

The AIPLA Online Learning Academy laid the framework for the Association to continue compiling a robust catalogue of live and on-demand programming. These quality, IP-focused CLE and professional development webinars are sorted by practice area and topics, and are a member-exclusive benefit. The online programs have been created for busy IP practitioners by leading industry experts to help practitioners stay up to date with trends and changes in the law. To access the Online Learning Academy, please visit www.pathlms.com/aipla.

BOOT CAMPS AND ROAD SHOWS

In 2024, AIPLA hosted boot camps, road shows, and other multi-day programs, including:

Boot Camps: 3655 minutes of CLE credit.

Corporate Practice Institute (360 Minutes of CLE)

Patent Prosecution Boot Camp (1145 Minutes of CLE)

Trade Secret Summit (650 Minutes of CLE)

Advanced Chemical Patent Practice Institute (600 Minutes of CLE)

Trademark Boot Camp (900 Minutes of CLE)

Meetings: 1985 minutes of CLE credit.

Spring Meeting (1025 Minutes of CLE)

Annual Meeting (960 Minutes of CLE)

Boot Camps + Meetings = 5640 minutes of CLE credit.

WORLD IP DAY

On May 1, in partnership with sister IP organizations and the USPTO, AIPLA hosted a program in honor of World Intellectual Property Day 2024. The theme of this year's celebration was "IP and the SDGs: Building Our Common Future With Innovation and Creativity." **Rep. Darrell Issa**, Chair of the the House IP Subcommittee sponsored the event and provided opening remarks. Remarks were also given by Chair of the Senate IP Subcommittee, **Sen. Chris Coons**; the Ranking Member of the House IP Subcommittee, **Rep. Hank Johnson**; USPTO Director **Kathi Vidal**; Register of Copyrights **Shira Perlmutter**; AIPLA President **Ann Mueting**, AIPLA Executive Director **Vincent Garlock**, and two panels of IP experts and entrepreneurs.



Advocacy

As a long-standing cornerstone of AIPLA, our advocacy efforts serve the membership by representing their interests through interactions with the judiciary, Capitol Hill, and relevant government agencies and organizations. While AIPLA headquarters lead these initiatives, our committees play an essential and active role in shaping AIPLA's policy agenda. For instance, committees identify significant legislative and amicus issues. Initiatives such as tracking legislation, developing amicus briefs, and drafting position statements contribute to maintaining a robust and balanced IP system, enhancing the value of your AIPLA membership.

Judicial Advocacy

AIPLA filed numerous amicus briefs in the 2023-2024 year, including *Dewberry Group Inc. v. Dewberry Engineers Inc.*, *Vidal v. Elster*, *Collect v. Vidal*, *REGENXBIO Inc. v. Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.*, *Warner Chappell Music, Inc. v. Sherman Nealy*, *Google LLC v. Sonos, Inc.*, *In re: Collect, LLC*, and *The TriZetto Group, Inc. v. Syntel Sterling Best Shores Mauritius Limited*.

	<p>AIPLA Files Amicus Brief in <i>Dewberry Group, Inc. v. Dewberry Engineers, Inc.</i></p> <p>September 9, 2024</p> <p>Arlington, VA, September 6, 2024 - The American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) has filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in <i>Dewberry Group, Inc. v. Dewberry Engineers, Inc.</i>, expressing concern over the Fourth Circuit's decision regarding the scope of a district court's discretion under 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).</p>
	<p>AIPLA Comments on Withdrawal of Changes to the Post Registration Response Deadlines</p> <p>August 20, 2024</p> <p>Arlington, VA, August 19, 2024 - The American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) submitted comments to the USPTO on their recent Withdrawal of Changes to Post Registration Response Deadlines.</p>

Capitol Hill

AIPLA has been active on Capitol Hill, meeting with both The Senate and The House of Representatives Congressional Offices on various IP legislation. AIPLA has attended Hearings held by the Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet on The Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, The NO FAKES Act, Artificial Intelligence, Examining Competition in the Prescription Drug Market, and more.

Government Agencies

AIPLA has been actively involved with various government agencies that engage on IP issues, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the U.S. Copyright Office, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), among others.

This year, AIPLA, with the help of its subject matter committee experts, have filed comments to the USPTO on Expanding Opportunities to Appear Before the PTAB, Trademark and Patent Fees, Resources for Examining Means-Plus-Function and Step-Plus-Function Claim Limitations, WIPO Diplomatic Conference on the Design Law Treaty, and more. We filed comment letters to the Copyright Office on Group Registration of Updates to a News Website and Two-Dimensional Artwork, and to NIST on March-In-Rights.

AIPLA collaborated with the USPTO to conduct a four-part series providing mentorship to AIPLA members and participants of the USPTO's Empowering Women's Entrepreneurship - a community-focused, collaborative, and creative initiative to encourage and empower more women founders across America. Our Copyright Law Committee members also had the opportunity to visit the Copyright Office to meet with Register of Copyrights and Director of the U.S. Copyright Office, Shira Perlmutter, as well as representatives from the Office of Public Information and Education (PIE), the Office of Policy and International Affairs (PIA), and the Office of Registration Policy and Practice (RPP).



A delegation of AIPLA members and Executive Director Vincent Garlock visit with the US Copyright Office.

International Outreach

IP Practice in Israel

Given the ongoing geopolitical challenges Israel is facing, this committee was fairly subdued this year. They did however participate in the Women's Global Networking event in April and have tentative plans for a delegation trip in March 2025.

IP Practice in China

The IP Practice in China Committee held regular monthly meetings with guest speakers from the China team at the USPTO and leading Chinese law firms. Two of their past meetings were joint meetings – one with the AIPPI committee and one with the Standards & Open Source committee. The committee is currently planning their first trip to China including visits to CNIPA, the Supreme People's Court, the Beijing IP Court, and others.

IP Practice in the Asia Pacific

For the 2023 – 2024 term, the highlight of the AIPLA IP Practice in the Far East Committee (now the “IP Practice in the Asia Pacific Committee”) was its annual delegation trip to Asia. This year, in April 2024, the committee traveled to Thailand, where it met with the Thailand Department of Intellectual Property and the Thailand Central IP and International Trade Court (CIPITC). The delegation then traveled on to Taiwan, where they met with the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO), Taiwan IP and Commercial Court (IPCC), Taiwan Fair Trade Commission, and the Taiwan Patent Attorney Association (TWPA). During the trip, the delegation also had memorable visits to the Royal Palace in Thailand and a river cruise in Bangkok, as well as a city tour of Taipei with visits to historic sites. AIPLA President Ann Muetting led the delegation, along with past President Patrick Coyne.

In the fall of 2024, in coordination with the AIPLA Online Programs Committee, the Committee is organizing a webinar on ADR in the IP sector featuring the Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS). This webinar follows the successful webinar the committee organized in late 2023 in coordination with the AIPLA Emerging Technologies Committee and the ASEAN IP Association regarding AI in the patent sector. Also of note, was that in late 2024, the IP Practice in the Far East Committee officially changed its name to the IP Practice in the Asia Pacific Committee, and will soon be launching Korea, Taiwan and India Subcommittees.

IP Practice in Japan

One of the highlights this year was the IP Practice in Japan's delegation trip to Japan in the Spring. They visited the Japan Patent Office (JPO), AIPPI-Japan, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), Licensing Executive Society (LES-J), IP High Court, Japan Trademark Association (JTA), Japan Patent Attorney Association (JPAA), and Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA). They also traveled to Osaka and hosted a reception at the Roppongi Hills Club. The committee also enjoyed karaoke with Japanese friends and colleagues (and maybe a little sake!).

IP Practice in Europe

The IP Practice in Europe Committee's most significant activity was its annual European delegation which this year visited Munich, Paris, and London. They met with the EPO, the EPO Board of Appeals, the Central Division of the UPC, EUIPO, and many private patent groups across these three countries. In addition, the committee held monthly meetings to keep members up to date on European IP practice. When needed, they prepared position papers on various European IP issues. They also partnered with various IP industry groups and held joint CLE programs with other AIPLA committees to benefit members and increase their knowledge and skill when dealing with IP issues in Europe.

IP Practice in Latin America

This year, the committee was been busy organizing several key activities. On March 13, they hosted a webinar on “Expedited Patent Prosecution in Latam.”. On May 16, they held a panel on “Amendments/Divisional Applications in Patent Prosecutions in Peru, Brazil, and Mexico” during the Spring meeting. And, in August, they organized a trip to Chile and Argentina.

AIPPI-US

The AIPPI-U.S. was originally founded as a non-profit organization in 1930 and has approximately 300 members. Membership in AIPPI-US automatically includes membership in AIPPI. The United States has one of the largest representations on the International Executive Committee - the principal decision-making body of AIPPI.



IP Practice in the Asia Pacific Committee members enjoy a river cruise in Bangkok.



The IP Practice in Japan Committee pictured with JIPA.



The IP Practice in Europe Committee during their Delegation Trip.



The IP Practice in Latin American Committee during their Delegation Trip.

Publications

AIPLA Report of the Economic Survey

The biennial Report of the Economic Survey is one of the premier and most sought-after publications of the Association. The Economic Survey's results are often cited in judicial opinions, analyzed by research firms, and used by law firms and policy makers. AIPLA members can access the Economic Survey by logging into their member portal.



AIPLA Quarterly Journal

The AIPLA Quarterly Journal is a scholarly publication of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, produced through a collaboration with the George Washington University Law School. For over 50 years, the Quarterly Journal has been dedicated to presenting materials relating to intellectual property matters and is published four times per year.

AIPLA Direct

AIPLA Direct is an exclusive online information service that delivers substantive and concise updates and analyses on cases, rulemaking, legislation, and industry developments. AIPLA published two Directs this year in response to *Vidal v. Elster and Warner Chappell Music, Inc. v. Sherman Nealy*.

AIPLA eBulletin

The eBulletin is a digital publication that follows each of AIPLA's stated meetings and provides an update from the President, a recap of events and sessions, and a platform for committees to share their projects and accomplishments with members.

INNOVATE Magazine

INNOVATE is the online magazine by and for AIPLA members, from IP law students to retired practitioners. INNOVATE features magazine-like articles on a wide variety of topics in IP law. All AIPLA members, but especially law students, are strongly encouraged to submit articles by emailing innovate@aipla.org.



AIPLA Newsstand

Our partnership with Lexology helps AIPLA share daily developments in IP. The AIPLA Newsstand arrives daily, but members can opt to receive Lexology as frequently as they would like, and can filter stories based on their interest in a particular area of IP or region of the world.

Notes + News

AIPLA members can look forward to our bimonthly Notes + News, a newsletter released every other Tuesday featuring committee news, AIPLA news, a roundup of upcoming events, featured jobs in our Career Center, and more. Committees are encouraged to submit news they would like featured in Notes + News.



Quarterly Policy Memo

The Quarterly Policy Memo is a roundup of all of AIPLA's advocacy efforts during each quarter, as well as relevant news from IP-related agencies, Capitol Hill, and events of note. We are also pleased to feature a member each quarter who has contributed in a significant way to AIPLA's advocacy efforts.



Awards

AIPLA was proud to honor the 2023 award recipients last year:

AIPLA Excellence Award



Presented to
Melvin Garner
Leason Ellis, LLP
White Plains, NY

President's Outstanding Service Award



Presented to
Manny Schechter
Retired Chief Patent Counsel
and Associate General Counsel, IBM
Ridgefield, CT

AIPLA Project Award

125th Anniversary Committee



Jeffrey I.D. Lewis Foley Hoag, LLP New York, NY	Diallo Crenshaw Jordan IP Law, LLC Washington, DC
Barbara Fiacco Foley Hoag, LLP Boston, MA	Troy Grabow Grabow Law Burlingame, CA
Elise Selinger Caterpillar Inc. Irving, TX	Sophie Wang Choate Hall & Stewart, LLP Boston, MA
Kim Van Voorhis Nike Beaverton, OR	

Robert C. Watson Award



Presented to
Frank Morton-Park
Klarquist Sparkman, LLP
Portland, OR

Jan Jancin Award



Presented to
Jerome Miller
Emory University School of Law
Atlanta, GA

AIPLA Past President's Award



Presented to
Lauren Pittman
The George Washington University
Law School
Washington, DC

Coordinator of the Year



Presented to
Wendi Sloane
Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum
& Nagelberg LLP
Chicago, IL

Committee of the Year

Presented to
Emerging Technology Committee



Stephanie Curcio
NLPatent
Toronto, Ontario



Ian Schick
Specifico
Ojai, CA

Mentor of the Year Award:



Presented to
Christopher Johns
Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett &
Dunner, LLP
Washington, DC

Maurice Klitzman Award:



Presented to
Ravi Mulkamala
Ecolab
Sugar Land, TX



We're Excited to Welcome Our 10th Female President in 2024-2025!



Kim Van Voorhis

2024-2025

Ann M. Mueting

2023-2024



Barbara Fiacco

2019-2020

Myra H. McCormack

2017-2018



Denise W. DeFranco

2015-2016

Sharon A. Israel

2014-2015



Teresa Stanek Rea

2008-2009

Judith M. Saffer

2006-2007



M. Andrea Ryan

2000-2001

Margaret A. Boulware

1998-1999







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